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BLM Seeks Public Input on Proposed March 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

MOAB, Utah—In support of the Administration's goals of America's Energy Independence, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canyon Country District is initiating planning for the March 2018 competitive oil and gas lease sale and seeking public comments on proposed parcels. The BLM will use your comments in preparing an environmental assessment that analyzes potential impacts associated with leasing. The BLM encourages comments that identify specific issues or concerns, which can be used to help frame the analysis, develop additional resource protection measures, and contribute to a well-reasoned decision.

Forty-five parcels, a total of 57,074 acres within the district, have been nominated by industry for consideration. Twenty-five parcels, approximately 37,095 acres are in the Monticello Field Office area and twenty parcels, approximately 19,979 acres are located in the Moab Field Office area. Two parcels span the field office boundaries. The proposed parcel list and maps are available for review online at BLM's ePlanning website, <https://go.usa.gov/xNfAT>, and both the Monticello and Moab Field Offices at the addresses provided below.

Moab Field Office
82 East Dogwood
Moab, UT 84532

Monticello Field Office
365 North Main
Monticello, UT 84535

The BLM welcomes and values diverse views. Written comments will be accepted through July 27, 2017. Comments may be submitted online, emailed, or mailed using the address below and referencing "Canyon Country District March 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale" in your subject line.

- Online through the NEPA ePlanning website, <https://go.usa.gov/xNfAT>
- E-mail: BLM_UT_MB_Comments@blm.gov
- Mail: BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT 84532

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, please be aware the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

In addition to contributing through the NEPA process, individuals with interest or concerns related to cultural resources may participate in the proposed project's National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process

(<http://www.achp.gov/docs/citizens-guide-2015.pdf>). To provide input in this process, please submit requests to the BLM Monticello Field Office explaining your interest in the project and/or concerns with potential effects related to historic properties from the project.

For further information, please contact the BLM Field Office (435) 259-2100 and ask for Doug Rowles. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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